

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 4, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Brandon James
Beverly Domitrovic
Twila Chaloupek
Janet Wilson
James Roseboro
Dan Heflin
Bill Wynne
David Buckmaster
KC Ohaebosim
Janice Rich
Aaron Mayes

Members Absent

Guests

Donald Hogg
Annie Works
Gerry Domitrovic

City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Officer Lowe Beat 31, Wichita Police Department
Officer Recio, Wichita Police Department
Officer Bussard Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Fire Captain Bahr, Wichita Fire Department
Scott Knebel, Planning Department
LaShonda Garnes, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Council Member Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed staff and guest.

Approval of Agenda

Roseboro (Wynne) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried. 10:0**

Approval of Minutes

Domotrovic made a correction on the spelling of Officer's Whyte name.

Roseboro (Wynne) made a motion to approve the minutes with noted correction. **Motion carried. 10:0**

Council Member Williams welcomed staff and guest. She thanked everyone for coming and proceeded with the first order of business.

Public Agenda

1. **Agenda Items**

No items submitted.

2. **Off Agenda Items**

No items submitted.

Staff Report

3. **Park and Recreation Report**

No items submitted.

4. **Police Report**

Officer Lowe, Beat 31, Wichita Police Department advised that there were 2 thefts and 2 arsons on his beat, but otherwise things were relatively quiet.

He advised that **Officer Tiede** did a car roundup and tagged thirty-two vehicles. He noted that thirty of the vehicles were moved by the owners and that they only had to tow 2 vehicles.

Officer Recio, Wichita Police Department noted that things had been quiet on his beat. He did advise of an aggravated assault on the 1000 block of Hydraulic and that an arrest had been made. **Recio** advised that during Spring break that they would do a few special assignments in Old Town.

Rich wanted to know if the aggravated assault occurred at a residential home. **Recio** advised it was a bogus call for pizza and they robbed the driver.

Officer Bussard, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department that the Walk Against Gang event was being hosted on April 20th, with booths opening at 9 a.m. and the walk beginning at 10 a.m.

Aaron Mayes arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Bussard reported that there was a robbery at the Dollar General at 2020 E. 21st Street. He also advised that there were 2 arsons on Beat 45 and 42.

Wynne wanted to know if he had any information on the shooting at 12th and Green. **Bussard** advised he didn't have additional information.

Roseboro wanted to know what area the crime was occurring on Beat 47. **Bussard** advised that it was kind of spread out, but most are east of Oliver.

Domotrovic asked when the burglary occurred in Eagles Landing. **Bussard** advised that was back in February.

CM Williams requested that Patrol East also send a report regarding activity in District 1.

CM Williams thanked the Officers for their report.

Action Taken; Receive and file.

5. Fire Report

Captain Bahr, Wichita Fire Department provided statistics on the District 1 activity for February, which included 5 fires (4 accidental and 1 arson) totaling \$77,000 in damages.

Captain Bahr noted that there was an electrical fire (\$10,000 in damages), unoccupied grill on the back deck (\$60,000 in damages), careless smoking (\$2,000 in damages) and the arson occurred at Heights High School (juvenile suspect confessed).

Captain Bahr reported that the Police and Fire played a hockey match, where Fire won. He noted that they are scheduled to have a boxing match on April 16th at Cessna Activity Center.

Annie Works, 2743 N. Grove wanted to know why the Fire Department was always at Regal Plaza. **Captain Bahr** advised that the Fire Department not only come out to Fire calls, but they also come out on medical alarms as well.

CM Williams thanked the Captain for his report.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

6. ZON2013-00001

Scott Knebel, Planning Department presented information on the zone change request from Single-family Residential and Limited Commercial to Limited Industrial on the property located on both sides of 37th Street North between Hillside and Oliver 04111 E. 37th St N.).

Knebel advised that the application area is currently vacant, with the exception of a single-family house, and is planned for expansion of the LI zoned Koch Industries office and industrial campus. The proposed campus expansion includes re-routing of 37th Street North and associated platting. The requested zone change would result in uniform LI zoning on the entire expanded Koch campus.

Knebel advised that the subject property has frontage along Hillside, Oliver and 37th Street North. 37th Street North will be re-routed via a plat along the curving northern edge of this application area. Hillside, Oliver and 37th Street North are recommended to meet City arterial street guidelines through the platting process. All other public utilities are available to the subject property.

Knebel advised that based upon the information available prior to the public hearings, planning staff recommends that the request be approved, subject to platting within one year.

Chaloupek asked if all the property was north of 37th Street. **Knebel** advised that most of them are north but there are a few south of the property.

Roseboro wanted to know if traffic was being rerouted. **Knebel** advised yes it would be detoured through another arterial street. **Roseboro** noted that staff needed to ensure that the water was not going to the Chisholm Creek.

CM Williams added that there shouldn't be much traffic that will have to be detoured.

Action Taken: Approve the zoning change request according to the recommendation in the staff report. (Domotrovic) Wilson. Motion carried 11:0.

Scott Dunakey, Agent advised there should be minor traffic re-routing and that 37th Street would be opened most of the project. **Dunakey** advised that the doors to the new facility are scheduled to open in 2015.

7. Douglas Avenue Transit Improvements

Scott Knebel, Planning Department presented the design for the Douglas Avenue Transit Improvement. He advised that the City of Wichita has received a grant from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus Livability Initiative to fund 80 percent of the cost of designing and constructing transit improvements along Douglas Avenue from Main Street to Washington Avenue. The FTA has awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$1,080,000 to fund the transit improvements listed in the table below. The grant requires a 20 percent local match. The \$270,000 required local match is funded from 2011-2020 Capital Improvement Program.

Dunakey advised that the project scope was:

- Eight bus shelters spaced approximately every two blocks.
- Electronic information signage at each related to bus arrival and departure
- Benches, trash receptacles, landscaping and other amenities at each shelter.
- Removal of angled parking between Emporia and St. Francis and addition of angled parking on Emporia.
- Sidewalk extensions at intersections with Market, Topeka, Emporia, St. Francis, Mead, Rock Island and Mosley.
- New ADA-accessible ramps at each intersection.
- An ADA-accessible parking stall at each bus shelter.
- Bicycle parking for 175 bicycles.
- Signalized crosswalk at Old Town.
- Pedestrian way-finding signage along the corridor.

Mayes asked how this was going to integrate with the design east of Washington. **Knebel** advised that this was a separate project, but they are working to make them comparable so that they will work together.

Heflin wanted to know how many lanes of traffic would be lost. **Dunakey** stated that they are working through north/south streets. He indicated that Topeka, Market, and Emporia would be reducing by a lane.

Action Taken: Approve the design. (Chaloupek) James. Motion carried 11:0.

Updates, Issues and Reports

CM Williams advised that the Cleveland Street zoning request would come before the City Council tomorrow. She advised that she had the opportunity to speak with the applicant and determined that it was going to be a plumbing business. She also noted that the MAPC approved the request with a protective overlay.

Wilson advised that A Price Woodard meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Madison Apartments – 1001 N. Madison.

Domotrovic stated that the Public Works department did a great job with the snow removal. **CM Williams** stated she agreed.

James advised that the SGA went to Topeka for Higher Education Day. He advised that the WSU student fees passed with a 6.2% increase. He also advised that .25 per credit hour would now be going to the Fine Arts.

Wynne advised that Country Overlook meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian.

Roseboro advised that WIN is working to bring NUSE 2015 to Wichita and they will need assistance with conducting the neighborhood pride tours if awarded the conference.

Heflin advised that Sleepy Hollow meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Panera. He also advised that there was a dead tree across the creek and some vandalism in the park.

Wynne commented that it would be nice to have an update from WPD when there is something in the news.

Annie Works advised that there is a speed trap on Grove from 21st – 27th and that the bushes need to be cut down on the corner.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Garnes
Neighborhood Assistant